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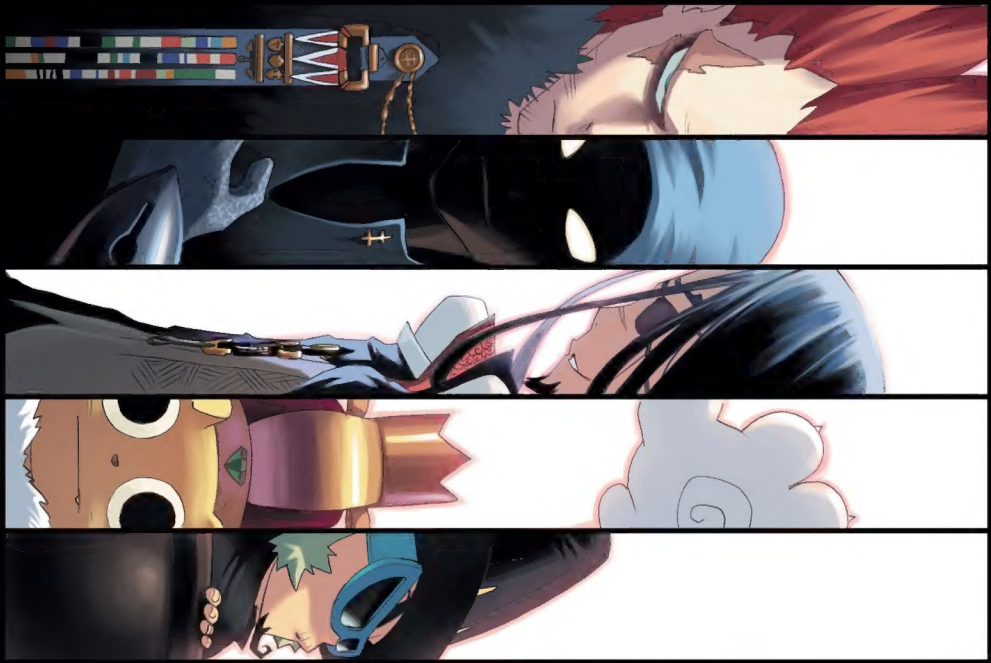

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IT'S RAINING MONSTERS...

DIVINE PUNISHMENT? DEMONIC ATTACK? MOTHER EARTH'S ANGER?

ONE THING IS CERTAIN, THESE NEMESIS AREN'T HERE TO HELP!

BUT MEN AND WOMEN ARE STILL TRYING TO FIGHT THEM...

INFECTED PEOPLE, MARGINALIZED BY SOCIETY AND OFTEN AS FEARED AS THE CREATURES THEY FIGHT. THEY ARE THE LAST DEFENSE AGAINST THIS THREAT...

BAKERY

... THEY ARE SORCERERS.

Chapter 1
Nemesis

-POMPO HILLS-
ISLAND 21
THESE ARE... NEMESIS!!
...

LET'S NOT RUSH OR ALMA WILL GET ANGRY AGAIN...
I'D LIKE TO BEAT THEM UP RIGHT NOW, BUT THERE ARE TOO MANY OF THEM...
A WHOLE HERD OF NEMESIS!
HOW DID THEY GET HERE WITHOUT ANYONE NOTICING THEM?
MEN ON THE GROUND!!

DON'T TOUCH THEM!!
GET AWAY FROM HERE!!
THE BIG-GEST...
... MUST BE THE LEADER
BAM
THE TITAN'S FIST!

BLONK
I GOT MY FIRST NEMESIS!!
HA HA!!
ALMA YOU CAN'T DENY IT ANYMORE, I'M READY!
SETH
-APPRENTICE SORCERER-
MOOO !!!
GO AWAY BEFORE I SMASH YOU UP!
THAT'S RIGHT!
MOOO!!!
HMM!
IT DOESN'T MATTER! OUCH...
DAMN... IT HURTS!
TODAY IS A GREAT DAY!

THOSE WEREN'T NEMESIS?!
...

DON'T WORRY, THOSE NEMESIS WON'T BOTHER YOU ANYMORE!
YOU LOOK UPSET, OLD GUYS!
HE... HE'S PROUD OF HIMSELF?!
KWIT
WH... WHAT NEMESIS?

GOOD THING ALMA DIDN'T SEE THIS...
ANOTHER MISTAKE!
PHEW, TROUBLE AVOIDED!
TOP

AH? BUT YOU LOOKED HURT!
THOSE WERE PEACEFUL HERBIVORES!
OF COURSE NOT!!!
AND WHAT'S WITH THIS MONKEY POSITION?

WE WERE RELAXING!
WE WERE JUST NAPPING WHILE OUR COWS WERE GRAZING!!
TAKING IT EASY!

AVOIDED?
MRLLL
TROUBLE ...
HAHAHA
SHUF
BUMUUU...

GET HIM!
SAVAGE!
YOU BANDIT, WE'RE GOING TO KILL YOU!
HEY, NOT SO FAST!
ALMA
- Independent Tracker Witch -
HMM...
A SPARE ROPE AND A BATCH OF PLANKS, IS THAT IT?
THAT'S IT.
NAUTICAL
SHOP
SHIPS
AIRSHIPS
HUM... I'M REALLY SORRY BUT I SOLD THE LAST ONES THIS MORNING.
SO, GOODBYE!
FAULTY ITEMS!
THIS? NOT AT ALL, THESE ARE...
ISN'T THAT WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR?
PLANKS
THEY LOOK FINE TO ME!

FAILTY!
OR THIS?
FAILTY!
AND THIS?
FAILTY!
PLINK
I'LL TAKE THIS THEN.
FAILTY!
BUT HONEY, YOU...
CRUNK
BONK
FAILTY!
KUT
KUT
KRUM
NOT AT ALL, LOOK AT THESE HOLES!
AND THAT WOOD BREAKS AT THE SLIGHTEST TOUCH!
A ROPE AND SOME PLANKS COULD VERY WELL BE USED TO LOCK UP CHILDREN FOR A SACRIFICE!
I... I SAW YOU FLY ON YOUR BROOM THIS MORNING.
YOU'RE A WITCH! I... I WON'T SELL YOU ANYTHING!
I DIDN'T TOUCH YOU!
I LOST MY SHOP AND MY WIFE... LET ME SAY GOODBYE TO MY CHILDREN!
I'M REALLY GOING TO KICK YOUR ASS!
NO, PLEASE, NO VIOLENCE!
OK, SO WHAT'S THE PRO-BLEM?

FIRST, I DON'T CARE ABOUT WHAT YOU THINK.
SECOND, I JUST WANT TO BUY SOME TOOLS, I'M NOT INVITING YOU TO BUILD A SACRIFICIAL ALTAR WITH ME.
AND THIRD, I'M NOT GIVING YOU A CHOICE. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO SELL ME ANYTHING...
GULP ...

I'LL COME BACK...
TO FEAST ON THE FLESH OF YOUR CHILDREN!
MY CHILDREN? DON'T HAVE ANY, PHEW!
YOU CAN TAKE HER IF YOU WANT...
WE HAVE COMMUNICATION PROBLEMS...
HNNG...
YOU SCUM!
STOP! NO VIOLENCE!
I HAVEN'T TOUCHED YOU YET, YOU...
IT'S ALL I HAVE LEFT ANYWAY!
TAKE THIS HAMMER!
YOU THINK I'M A HOBO NOW?
KILL HIM!
ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN PAY? I MEAN, WITH YOUR CLOTHES AND ALL...
FINALLY A REASONABLE OFFER!
HOW MUCH FOR THE HAMMER?
HAAA!!
DIE!
WHAT'S WITH ALL THE RUCKUS?

YOU SAVAGE!
WE'LL GET YOU!

NO...
DON'T TELL ME...
THIS WAY OF RUNNING...

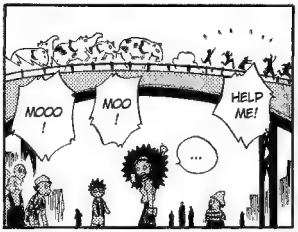
WE'RE GOING TO SKIN YOU ALIVE!
COME BACK!
HFF!
MHFF!
KOM
KOM
KOM
SETH ?!

EXPLAIN WHAT?
YOU WON'T GO ANYWHERE BEFORE EXPLAINING YOURSELF!
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?
STOP !!
AH! ALMA!
!!
BAM
POF
URK!
CRAB
I'M JUST EXERCISING, YOU KNOW ME!
HA HA!
COME ON, NOTHING HAPPENED!
WHAT ARE YOU IMAGINING?
I NEED TO GET BACK TO IT BEFORE COOL!...

WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?!
PUF
GWA
STOP! LET HIM GO!

THAT IT'S NOT TRUE...
SETH, PLEASE TELL ME THAT IT'S NOT TRUE!

AND HE MADE THEM RUN AWAY!
THIS IDIOT ATTACKED OUR COWS!
KRUK
OUCH!
CHOMP!


MOOO !
MOO !
HELP ME!
...

WI... WITCH?!
!!
POWER
HA! I KNEW IT, YOU'RE EVEN HITTING CHILDREN, YOU WITCH!
BOWK
PTO !
YOU BIG OAF!

HA HA HA!
AND I'M THE ROUGH ONE?

YES, A WITCH!
SHE BROKE MY SHOP BEFORE HURTING MY WIFE!
BOO HOO!

BAF

MAYBE YOU COULD EXPLAIN EVERYTHING TO ME AND THEN WE COULD COME TO AN AGREEMENT...
LISTEN, THERE IS OBVIOUSLY SOME MISUNDERSTANDING HERE.

AND YOU WANT US TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT?!
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!
WE DON'T DEAL WITH SORCERERS! WE DON'T WANT YOU HERE, DEMONS!
YOU BEAT UP A HERD OF COWS ...
YOU HURT OUR MERCHANTS...
YOU VANDALIZE A SHOP ...

WE CAN REPAIR IT, JUST LEAVE US DO...
OUCH!
BOOM
YOU COULD AT LEAST LISTEN TO US!
IT'S NO USE, THEY WON'T HEAR US ANYMORE.
FILTH!
GO AWAY!
SETH, WE'RE GOING.
THEY'RE AFRAID OF US, YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME.
YOU SHOULD BE USED TO IT BY NOW...
IT'S JUST WORSE EVERY TIME.
JUST LET US EXPLAIN!
SETH, THEY WON'T HEAR YOU MORE EVEN IF YOU SHOUT ...
STOP THROWING STONES AT US AND LISTEN!
...
HONESTLY! WE'RE NOT SAVAGES AFTER ALL!
AND THEN WE'LL MAKE PEACE!
THEN I'LL BEAT THEM UP...
AND FORCE THEM TO LISTEN TO US!

WE'LL JUST HAVE TO FORCE YOU!
SINCE YOU'RE NOT LEAVING BY YOURSELF ...
VSHH ...
DAMN IT...
THAT'S IT, COME TAKE YOUR BEATING!

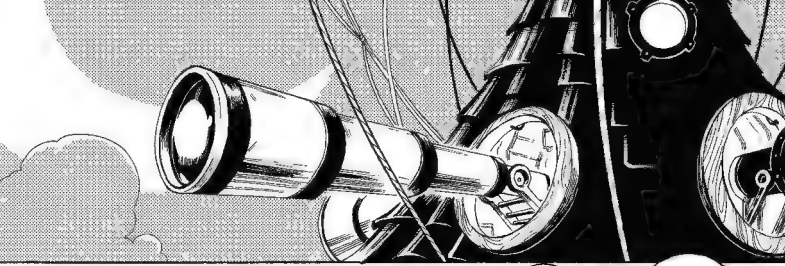
WITCH-CRAFT!
GET AWAY FROM IT!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
YES, IT... IT JUST PUSHED ME AWAY ...
THE SPELL IS VANISHING!
THEY'RE GONE!
VLOUFF...
NO, LOOK!
THEY'RE RUNNING AWAY!
QUICK, WE HAVE TO CALL THE INQUISITOR!
LET'S HOPE HE GETS HERE BEFORE THEY RETURN WITH MORE PEOPLE...

I'M DONE, SETH...
YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO GO NEAR INHABITED ISLANDS ANYMORE.
FLAP
ALMA'S OBSERVATORY
FOR HOW LONG?
UNTIL YOU'RE DEAD!
FLAP
WHAT ABOUT THE MERCHANT'S WIFE?
AND NOW YOU GET AN ENTIRE VILLAGE AGAINST US BY BEATING UP THEIR ANIMALS!
FLAP
THAT WAS A MISUNDERSTANDING!
WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU?
ONE DAY YOU BURN A FARM, ANOTHER DAY YOU DRAIN A POND...

RAW STRENGTH!
I'M SEEING RESULTS FROM MY ULTIMATE DEATH TRAINING! YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN THE ANIMAL FLY ACROSS THE TOWN!
THE TITAN'S FIST!
WOOSH
MOOO!
CHBAM!
I'M TRAINING VERY HARD THOUGH!
BY HITTING ANIMALS?
I GET RID OF THE NEMESIS FOR THEM... YOU DON'T DO ANYTHING!
YOU CAN'T EVEN USE WEAPONS OR FEATHER GLOVES... HOW COULD YOU EVEN FIGHT A NEMESIS?!
MAYBE YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING, BUT THEY STILL ACCUSED YOU...
THEY HATE US EVEN WHEN WE DON'T DO ANYTHING...
NEVER ANY GRATITUDE!
AND WHEN WE GET RID OF THE NEMESIS FOR THEM IT'S THE SAME THING...
I ONCE FOUGHT ONE THAT COULD POISON YOU JUST WITH HIS BREATH!
USING FANTASIA IS THE ONLY WAY TO DO IT!
IDIOT, IF RAW STRENGTH WAS ENOUGH TO BEAT A NEMESIS THEN SORCERERS WOULDN'T BE THE ONLY ONES ABLE TO BEAT THEM!
ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING TO ME?!
"TRAIN NOT TO BREATHE..."
LET'S START WITH TWO HOURS OF RUNNING WITHOUT BREATHING PER DAY...
SCRIBBLE
ULTIMATE DEATH TRAINING
...
I SEE...

HNNNG... AND THOSE DAMN HEADACHES ANNOYING ME AGAIN!
ALMA?
WHAT?!
LIFT ME UP, I NEED TO PEE!
NO!
COME ON, I NEED TO GO!
I DON'T CARE, PISS YOURSELF!
MAYBE IT'LL MAKE YOU THINK...
YOU FORCED ME TO USE MAGIC AGAINST COMMON VILLAGERS!
YOU CAN BE SURE THE INQUISITION IS GOING TO BE ALL OVER THE PLACE SOON...
WE'RE GOING TO THE POMPO HILLS TOMORROW, WE NEED TO LAY LOW FOR A WHILE.
PSSS...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "PSSS"?

FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
SWAP
WH...WHAT ARE YOU DOING YOU IDIOT?!
PSSS...
WELL, I'M PISSING!
MY GOD, YOU'RE SUCH A PAIN!
PUT THAT AWAY, WE'RE JUST ABOVE THE VILLAGE!



MILK

HUH?
WZIIT

YEAH, RIGHT!
MAYBE WE COULD AVOID SUCH SITUATIONS IF YOU JUST SHOWED ME SOME REAL NEMESIS...
I'M SURE OF IT!

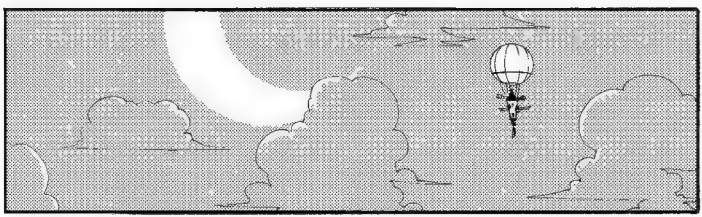
...

IF YOU LET ME HUNT THEM WITH YOU I COULD SHOW YOU HOW USEFUL I CAN BE!
YOU CAN TRUST ME!

AND YOU STILL DIDN'T RECOGNIZE THEM?
YOU DRINK THIS EVERY DAY...
PFF... THEY DIDN'T LOOK LIKE THIS...
IN SETH'S WORLD!

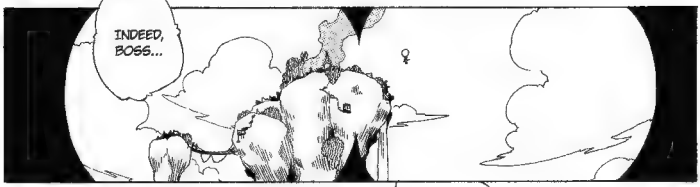
SETH ...
HERE !
BOOM !
SETH, STOP...
IN YOUR FACE!
BAM !
SETH, IT'S GETTING ANNOYING...
BANG!
BOOM
A NEMESIS !!
ARGH, THE PAIN!
SETH, HELP ME!
THE TITAN'S FIST!
ANO-THER!
SPOOM
HOULI!
HUH? TELL ME!
WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT FROM THE NEMESIS?
WOOOOOOSH
SETH !!!
WREAK HAVOC WHEREVER THEY GO...
TERRIFY ENTIRE VILLAGES...
...
A LOT OF THINGS!
THEY DESTROY EVERY-THING...

I HAD GOOD INTENTIONS!
IT'S COMPLE-TELY DIFFE-RENT!
?!
SO...
MAYBE. BUT WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT A NEMESIS' INTENTIONS?
IT...
SOUNDS JUST LIKE WHAT YOU DID TODAY...
AND HOW CAN IT BE RIGHT FOR YOU TO FIGHT THEM...
IF YOU'RE NOT EVEN BETTER THAN THEM?



ZZZZZZ
BR ZOM

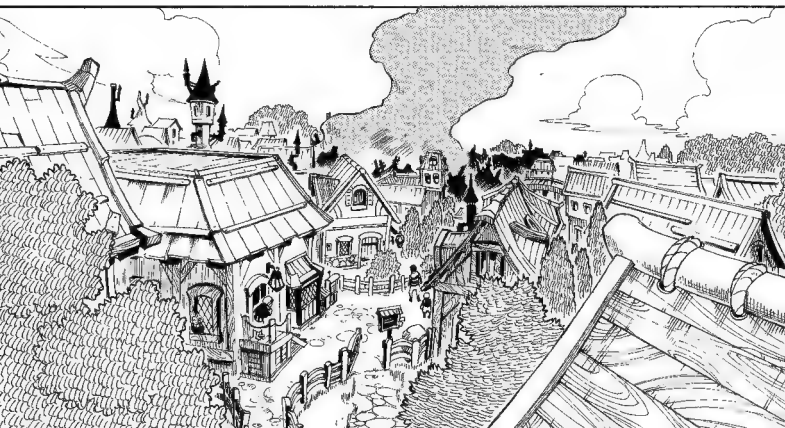
!
SIGH
LET ME SLEEP IN PEACE!
AND YOU BETTER REPAIR WHAT YOU BROKE BEFORE I GET UP!
SHE WON'T LET ME COME WITH HER IF I TELL HER...
SETH ?
BUT THIS OPPORTUNITY IS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!
HEY! SETH ?!
IT'S...
IT'S NOT ME, ALMA, IT'S A NEMESIS ...
OH PLEASE, NOT THAT AGAIN?!
THIS TIME IT HAS TO BE ONE!
SETH, DID YOU BREAK SOMETHING AGAIN?



I HAVE A BAD FEELING, BOSS.
LADY LUCK IS WITH US, BOYS!
LOOKS LIKE A NEMESIS FELL ON THAT ISLAND!
I THINK WE SHOULD AVOID IT THIS TIME.
THE LADY GAVE US A LOT OF WORK THESE DAYS.

- BRAVERY QUARTET -

SWORD AND FEATHER GLOVE...
AND THE MOST IMPORTANT: MY FLASK!
FLAP
SQK
READY FOR THE HUNT!
FLAP
TWO
KWO
GWIH!
GWIH!
NII!
DAMN...
TOO HEAVY...



FSSHHH..
HNNNG ...
HMPF !

IT'S TOO HEAVY!
WE CAN'T LIFT IT!
KRRR
DON'T MOVE, WE'LL GET YOU OUT OF HERE!

ENTRANCE N°8!
HERE, FELLAS!
OK, BOSS !
I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT N°8...
YEAH !
!!
CHAM

NOW WE LOOK STUPID BECAUSE OF YOU!
JIJI, YOU'RE FACING THE WRONG WAY AGAIN!
BAM
BECAUSE OF HIM?
SHAZAAAAA
SWIP
TWIRL
SWIP

HUM, HUM!

IT'S FALL ALREADY CAUSED ENOUGH DAMAGE... BUT IT'S NOTHING COMPARED TO WHAT AWAITS YOU AFTER IT HATCHES!
THIS IS A NEMESIS EGG!
ZW
AM

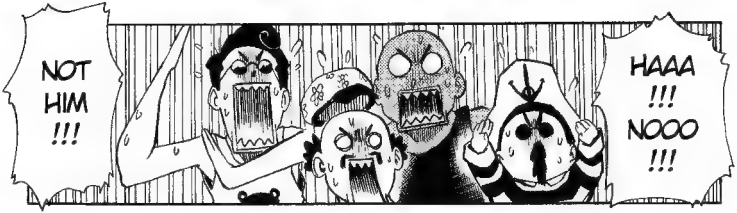
VILLAGERS, I'M NOT GOING TO LIE...
YOU'RE IN A DIRE SITUATION!

YOU'RE SORCE-RERS?!
LOOKS LIKE IT... THEY HAVE FLYING BROOMS AFTER ALL!
BUT YOU'RE IN LUCK, FOR THE BRAVERY QUARTET IS HERE!
I STRONGLY ADVISE THOSE WHO STILL WANT TO LIVE...
TO LEAVE IT TO ME AND MY BOYS.
AS FOR THE OTHERS ...
FIRST OUR COWS, NOW THE SKY FALLING ON OUR HEADS...
IT EVEN RAINED PIGS LAST NIGHT ...
I'M TELLING YOU, THE EVIL EYE IS UPON US!
GO AWAY! WE DON'T NEED YOU!
CALM DOWN! IF IT'S REALLY A NEMESIS, MAYBE THEY CAN...
DID YOU FORGET ABOUT THE TWO SAVAGES FROM YESTERDAY?
BUT LET ME INSIST ...
IT'S COMPLETELY NATURAL TO BE SKEPTICAL AT SUCH A MOMENT.
I TAKE YOUR RELUCTANCE AS MARK OF YOUR VALORISM!
VALOR, BOSS!

TO TAKE ON THAT NEMESIS ON YOUR OWN!
I HOPE YOU FEEL STRONG ENOUGH ...
KR
RRR
BOSS... ARE YOU DONE?
...
AGAIN ?!
THERE'S SOMETHING FALLING FROM THE SKY!
BUT, BOSS ...
JIJI! HOW CAN YOU INTERRUPT SUCH A MOMENT OF VALORISM?!
PRONK
VALOR, BOSS!

A KID?!
PHEW!
THAT WAS SCARY!

JIJI, HELP ME...
I'M STUCK!
BATS?
NO, NOT JUST BATS ...


NOT HIM !!!
HAAA !!! NOOO !!!

WHAT IS HE DOING ?
HMM, NO...
NOT THAT, EITHER ...
!!
I KNOW JIJI ISN'T REALLY HANDSOME, BUT TO MISTAKE HIM FOR A NEMESIS...
HUM... BOSS, HE'S TALKING ABOUT YOU...
WHERE ARE YOU FROM, KIDDO? AND WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?
WHAT ?
I BET YOU'RE A NEMESIS!
A MEGA-CHICK?
AND WHAT DO YOU THINK MIGHT BE IN AN EGG THAT BIG?
...
A MEGA-EGG?
STOP, STOP! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE HITTING LIKE THAT?
WRONG AGAIN!
GOD DAMMIT !
A NEMESIS, YOU IDIOT!

THE TITAN'S FIST!
A NEMESIS ?
H...HERE... RIGHT UNDER MY FEET?
EXACT-LY!
A REAL ONE?
YES, KIDDO! AND YOU'RE RIGHT TO BE SCARED!
SO GET DOWN FROM UP THERE AND EVERY-THING WILL BE OK...
ZOM

HURRY!
TAKE COVER!
...
BROOM
GOW!
...

DAMN IT!
IT'S GOING TO BE MUCH HARDER NOW THAT HE'S OUT!
PLEASE !
HELP US!
THE FIRST THING WE NEED TO DO IS TO GET YOU SOMEWHERE SAFE...
THERE'S ONLY ONE PLACE THAT WILL DO: THE GOLD BANK OF THE ISLAND.
HUM...
WE NEED TO DO THIS QUICKLY ...
BOSS, IT'S GETTING AWAY!
PERFECT!
BOYS, ESCORT THEM AND MAKE SURE THEY'RE SAFE.
GOLD PREVENTS THE NEMESIS FROM SEEING YOU.
THE BANK?!
WHY DO YOU THINK ME AND MY BOYS WEAR ALL THAT GOLD?
I'LL LOOK AROUND THE AREA FOR SURVIVORS ...

KZOM
!!
THE KID!
NOT SO FAST, BOSS...
SOME-THING IS HAPPEN-ING OVER THERE..
DOC..
DID YOU THROW THAT ROCK?
OF COURSE NOT!
DON'T LIE, I SAW YOU DO IT EARLIER.
I'VE BEEN WAITING FAR TOO LONG TO GET ONE ...
SO DON'T EVEN THINK OF STEALING IT FROM ME!
IF YOU'RE TRYING TO KEEP ME AWAY FROM THE NEMESIS, TRY AGAIN!

FATE BROUGHT YOU TO THIS EGG!
I DON'T WANT TO STOP YOU!
THIS NEMESIS IS YOURS!
TAKE IT!
YOU'RE WRONG ABOUT ME, KID!
YOUR COURAGISM MOVED ME!
COURAGE, BOSS!

WAIT A MINUTE!
WE ASKED YOU TO DO IT!
NOT HIM.
WE CAN'T TRUST THIS IDIOT!

SINCE YOU'RE TAKING CARE OF THE MONSTER, ME AND MY BOYS CAN FOCUS ON THE VILLAGERS' SAFETY!
AH!

GET LOST!
HE FREED THE NEMESIS ...
WE'RE ALL GOING TO DIE BECAUSE OF HIM!
YOU ONLY CAUSE PROBLEMS!
GO AWAY, YOU BRAT!

MY HEART BLEEDS WHEN I HEAR YOU TREATING HIM LIKE THAT.
WE'RE THE SAME!
BECAUSE, AFTER ALL, THIS KID AND I ...
LIAR! EVERYONE KNOWS THAT TOUCHING THEM KILLS YOU INSTANTLY!
IT'S THE PROOF THAT WE'RE MADE TO FIGHT THEM!
WE'RE NOT MONSTERS!
IT PROVES THAT WE CAN TOUCH NEMESIS WITHOUT DYING.
YOU'RE...
DEMONS ?!

EXPLAIN IT TO THEM.
O.K., BOSS.
YES, BOSS.
JIJI!
HOHO, LOOKS LIKE YOU DON'T KNOW MUCH OUT IN THE BOONDO...
IN YOUR LOVELY LITTLE VILLAGE.
I UNDERSTOOD THAT! WHAT HAPPENS TO THE REST?
THEY'RE NOT ALIVE ANYMORE.
WHICH MEANS ...
YOU SEE, TOUCHING A NEMESIS CAUSES A REACTION, AS IF LIGHTNING JUST HIT YOU.
YOHOO
BZZZZ
BZZZ
COUIC
THOSE PEOPLE CAN NOW TOUCH NEMESIS WITHOUT BEING HURT.
THE REST, AROUND 0.01%, SURVIVES.
IT'S SO VIOLENT THAT MOST PEOPLE DIE INSTANTLY.
WITCH-CRAFT!
AND TO DO SO, WE HAVE AN ADVANTAGE ...
BUT WE'RE THE ONLY ONES THAT CAN TOUCH THEM...
WHICH MEANS WE'RE THE ONLY ONES THAT CAN FIGHT THEM!
YEAH, WELL... THEY CAN STILL KILL US BY HITTING OR CRUSHING US...
BTDR

BUT WE CAN'T USE IT LIKE THAT, WE NEED SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TOOLS. WITHOUT THEM, WE'RE AS POWERLESS AS YOU!
USUAL WEAPONS DON'T WORK ON THE NEMESIS! BUT SURVIVING ALSO GIVES YOU THE ABILITY TO MANIPULATE FANTASIA, THE ONLY THING THAT WORKS AGAINST THEM!

JIJI, YOU'RE DISGUSTING! DON'T GIVE US DETAILS!
BLARF
FOR EXAMPLE, I HAVE NOODLES THAT GROW EVERYWHERE. LOOK, RIGHT NOW THERE'S ONE GROWING ON MY KN...
AH! I DID THINK IT WASN'T LIKE HIM TO SHOW US HIS RE-
BOSS !!
BOSS, HE WAS TALKING ABOUT HIS KNEE.

SOME BECOME MAD...
OTHERS LOSE ONE SENSE...
OR HAVE NOODLES INSTEAD OF HAIR...
THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN IS THE INFECTION.
SOMETHING DIFFERENT FOR EACH SURVIVOR ...
THE KID HAS HORNS, I HAVE WINGS ON MY HEAD...

OH!!
WOO...

ARE YOU MAD? NOW IT'S COMING RIGHT FOR US!
IT'S ABOUT TIME!
BAM
BAM
AH!
THAT'S NOT A REASON TO SHOUT LIKE THAT!
YOUR EXPLANATION BORED ME.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?!
BRAVERY QUARTET, LET'S MOVE! I'LL BE AT THE REAR!
YES, BOSS!
WE CAN GO TO THE BANK AND AVOID HIM EASILY!
WAIT A MINUTE... HE'S RIGHT!
NOW WE KNOW WHERE IT IS AND WHERE IT'S HEADED!
IT'S MY FIRST NEMESIS, I WOULDN'T WANT HIM TO GET AWAY!
WHAT PLAN?
I JUST SHOUTED TO ATTRACT HIM...
THANK YOU, KIDDO!
THANKS TO YOUR GREAT PLAN WE CAN FOCUS ON OUR TASK WITHOUT WORRYING!
YOUR BRAVERISM IS ASTOUNDING!
BRAVERY, BOSS!

IT'S YOUR FIRST ONE?
THEN LET ME HELP YO...
NO! I'M NOT LETTING YOU DO ANYTHING, OLD MAN!
"YOU'RE NOT READY", "LET ME HANDLE IT"...
ALMA IS ALREADY ANNOYING ENOUGH! I TRAINED ALL MY LIFE FOR THIS, I'LL BE FINE!
I DON'T DOUBT IT, IT'S EASY TO SEE THAT YOU WERE BORN TO BE A SORCERER!
I JUST WANTED TO WISH YOU GOOD LUCK!
YOU WILL REMEMBER YOUR FIRST FIGHT FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE!
SO GO! DON'T HOLD ANYTHING BACK!
GIVE IT ALL YOU'VE GOT!
YEAH, SHOW THAT NEMESIS WHO'S THE BOSS!
WE TRUST YOU!

KRIIN!
YIIIAH!!
...
WHAT IS HE TRYING TO DO ?!
HE'S JUST HITTING HIM WITHOUT THINKING ?!

HE STILL HAS HIS GLOVE! IT'S PROBABLY A FEATHER GLOVE!
BOSS, LOOK!
HE BROKE HIS ONLY WEAPON, THE FEATHER SWORD!
HAAA AAH!!
Woo...
BUT THAT'S COMPLETELY...
HE'S CASTING A PROTECTION SPELL WITHOUT ANY PREPARATION OR INCANTATION?

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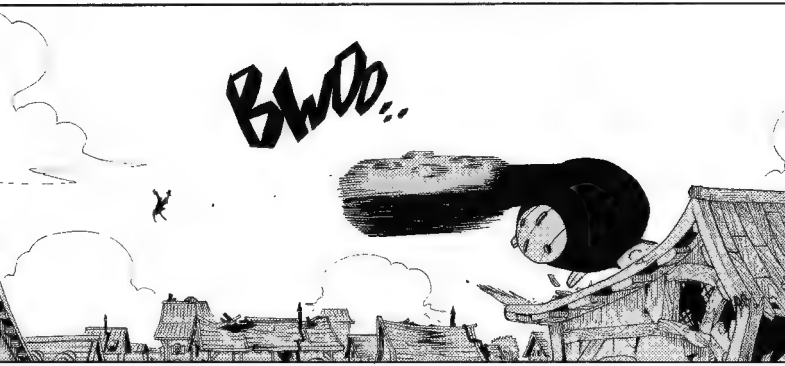
IT WAS FOR SHOW ?!


BLOOD..

WOOOOOH!!
PRWZ
SNEAKY !
OH !!
NO SIGNS OF LIFE.
...
AFTER SUCH A FLIGHT ...
VAPLANG!

AND NEARLY AS HARD WHEN SHE'S ANGRY!
BUT JUST SO YOU KNOW, ALMA HITS MUCH FASTER THAN YOU...

HUFF... HUFF...
HUFF...
HMPF! O.K.! I WAS A BIT SURPRISED!

YOU WON'T HIT ME TWICE WITH THE SAME ATTACK!

KRAK

DON'T LAZE ABOUT, BOYS!
BUT BOSS, YOU'RE THE ONE WATCHI...
POW
NO TIME TO TALK, JIJI!

ZWOM

BOOM
CRUSH

GWWW...
HA!
HA HA!
BONNG!
...
HA...
LOOK AT YOUR FACE! HA HA HA!
HA HA HA!
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING IF HE CAN CHANGE HIS HEAD LIKE THAT!
CRUSH!
HMM...
HIS BACK?
HE MUST HAVE SOME KIND OF WEAK POINT!

FFT
THE TITAN'S FIST !!
SHOOM
WHOOSH
!!

WAAAAH...
QUICKLY, DON'T WASTE TIME!
BUT WHY HIDE HERE?
WE'LL EXPLAIN LATER!
SORCERERS! THEY'LL PROTECT US FROM THE NEMESIS!
WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?
COME HERE! EVERYONE TAKE SHELTER!
BANK
CRUM
YOUNG MAN, OUR PLACE IS HERE, WITH YOU!
EVERYONE, TO YOUR SAFES!
WAIT A MINUTE! NOW THAT WE'RE SAFE, SHOULDN'T YOU GO HELP THE KID?
BOSS, HE WON'T HOLD FOR MUCH LONGER AT THIS RATE!
I KNOW, I KNOW... LET'S ACCELERATE THINGS, BOYS!

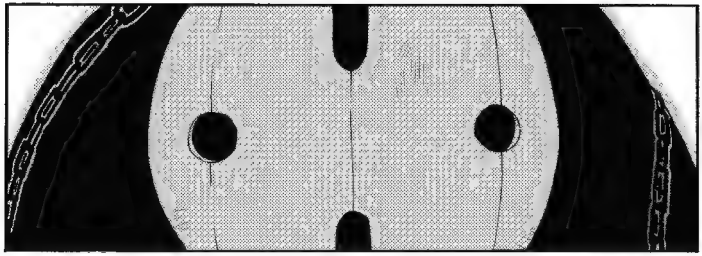
BUT RIGHT NOW ALL I CAN DO IS TWIST IT, EVEN WITH ALL MY STRENGTH!
IF IT WAS HARD I COULD HAVE BEAT IT...
EWW, I DON'T WANT TO KNOW!
OOOH... WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT?
TOO SOFT! TOO SOFT!
AARGH !!
TOO SOFT! TOO SOFT! TOO SOFT! TOO SOFT!
!
I CAN'T USE THIS NOW, IT'S TOO RISKY ...
ALMA WOULD DEFINITELY KILL ME.
PFF...
I SUCK AT WITCH-CRAFT...
CAN'T CUT IT.
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ?
CAN'T BEAT IT.

BRMM
BRMM
BRMM
BRMM
BRMM
?
HEY! YOU WIMP!
SMILE
GWOH ?

KT
KT
KT
DAMN, HE'S RE-ACTING FASTER THAN BEFORE!
CRUSH

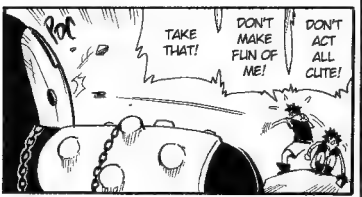
...
KLINK
KLINK
KLINK
KLINK
KLINK
CHHH...

ALL TIED UP, FATTY!
KLING
HA HA HA!
HA! WHO'S LAUGHING NOW, EH?
NOT ACTING SO TOUGH ANYMORE!
JJHOM
BOBOY
BOM
BOM
BAM
HA HA HA!
HA HA HA!



YOU'RE A NEMESIS!
SHOW SOME HOSTILITY! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO SCARE EVERY-ONE!
NOW YOU JUST LOOK PATHETIC... THERE'S NO PRIDE IN BEATING YOU!
HEY! DO SOME-THING!
I DON'T KNOW... GROWL, TRY TO ESCAPE ... SCARE ME!

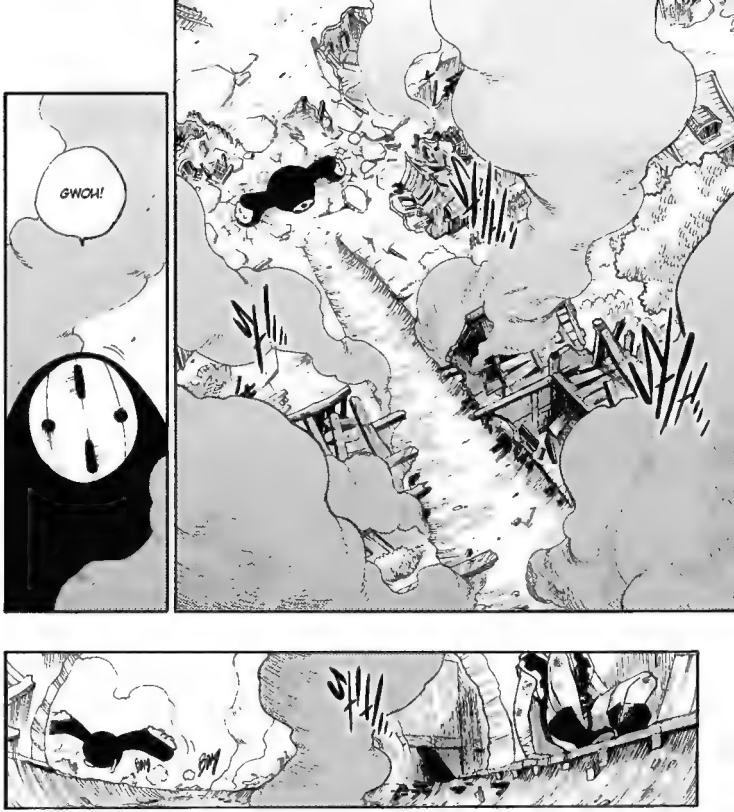
HMPF...


POF
TAKE THAT!
DON'T MAKE FUN OF ME!
DON'T ACT ALL CUTE!

GWOH
...

THE CHAINS !
WOAH, HE LOOKS ANGRY NOW!

THIS DOESN'T SMELL GOOD!
ZKA
AAAK
KOOO


GWOH!

A BLAST OF PURE FANTASIA!
IF I HADN'T DEFLECTED IT... PHEW...
I'M CLEARLY NOT PREPARED FOR THAT.
NO, I CAN'T GIVE UP SO EASILY!
GRANDPA BAT AND THE OTHERS ARE COUNTING ON ME...

MOMMY ALVWAYS SZAYS TO KEEB THE DOOR CLOSED WHEB THERE'S A STRANGU-ER...
SNIF... ARE YOU A STRANGU-ER?
BULUBULU
BUID DE DOOR IS GONE... SO I CAN'D CLOSE ID! BOOHOO...

SZI... SZIR...
?

HMM... I KNOW!
CAN YOU SHOW ME THE WAY TO THE BANK?
I'LL ASK THE OTHERS FOR HELP AND YOU'LL BE SAFE THERE, YOU AND YOUR PIG.

ID'S MY LITTLE BROVER, NOT A BIG!
BUID OK... I GAN SHOW DE WAY... MOM DIDN'T FORBID ME TO SHOW DE WAY.

I DONB FOLLOW STRANGU-ERS!
AH... YOU SHOULD COME WITH ME, IT'S DANGER-OUS HERE.
I DONB SPEEG TO STRANGU-ERS!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? EVERYONE RAN AWAY!
ERR... LISTEN GIRL, I'M NOT...
I DONB LISTEN TO STRANGU-ERS!
YOU'RE MAKING IT COMPLICAT-ED TO HELP YOU!
FWICH
FWICH

YOU'RE FOLLOW-ING BE?
YES DON'T WORRY!
GO ON FIRST, I'LL WATCH OVER YOU!
ZHOOM
HELB! A STRANGLER IS FOLLOWING BE!
BANK

...
Fwit..
NOBODY HERE.
MHUU!
WE'RE ALMOST THERE!
STOP SQUIRMING!
MHUU!!
I WOULDN'T HAVE TO DO THIS IF YOU JUST FOLLOWED ME!
KT
KT
BANK
GRIIN
YOU'LL SEE...
THESE SORCERERS WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU!
DON'T TRY TO ACT BRAVOU-ROUSLY!
BRAVELY, BOSS!
THEY'RE HERE.

KRRRR
HAAAAA!!
HO HO! MY GOOD MAN, YOUR LEGS ARE CRACKING LIKE FIRE-WOOD!
COME ON, YOU CAN DO IT!
HNNNG...
ALL THE OTHERS OPENED THEIR SAFES WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT... WHY STOP NOW?
YOU KNOW, I DON'T PARTICULARLY ENJOY HURTING YOU...
BUT IF I HAVE TO DIRTY MY HANDS TO GET A BIT MORE GOLD...
THEN I'LL GLADLY DO IT!

YOU'RE ALL IN HERE, SAFE WHILE THE MONSTER IS ROAMING OUTSIDE.
BUT WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT, GOLD REALLY SAVED YOU!
WE SAVED YOU AND TOOK YOU SOMEWHERE SAFE! OUR GENEROSITY KNOWS NO BOUNDS, GOOD MEN!
JUST SO YOU KNOW, EVERYTHING WE'VE TOLD YOU IS TRUE. THE INFECTION, WITCHCRAFT, OUR IMMUNITY...
TSK TSK, NO PROFANITIES!
OK, I MIGHT HAVE EXAGGERATED ON ONE THING... GOLD DOESN'T REALLY HIDE YOU FROM THE NEMESIS.
TAKING ADVANTAGE OF OUR PANIC TO LIE TO US AND TAKE OUR GOLD ...
I KNEW WE COULDN'T TRUST PEOPLE LIKE YOU!
YOU SCUM!
ASSHOLES !!
OH BUT LOOK WHO'S HERE!
BOSS!

LOOK!
HE EVEN TOOK SOME CHILDREN HOSTAGE!
HNNG !
POF
YOU MAKE THEM LOOK LIKE SAVIORS BY ACTING VIOLENT... A WELL-PREPARED SCHEME!
YOU CAME HERE YESTERDAY TO HAVE A LOOK AROUND WITH THE CRAZY WOMAN? CAME HERE TO SET THE STAGE, HUH?
THAT LITTLE SAVAGE!
SO YOU WERE WITH THEM?!
FUCKING SORCERERS !
POF!!!
HE'S THE WORST OF THE LOT!
YOU MONSTER !
WITH ALL I HAD.
I...
I HELD THE NEMESIS BACK...
YOU! SCUM!
BAS-TARDS !
THIEVES!
THWICK!

YOU'RE FUNNY, BOY!
YOU TOLD ME NEARLY EVERYTHING YOU NEEDED TO HEAR!
"SHE NEVER TRUSTS ME!" BLABLABLA... " BUT I'M READY!"
HA HA HA!
YEAH, GREAT!
THAT WAS SOME GOOD WORK!
INDEED, WE HEARD EVERYTHING FROM HERE! A REAL SHOW OF COURAGISM!
COUR-AGE, BOSS!
HATS OFF!
IT'S BECAUSE YOU COUNTED ON ME ...
THAT I...
THEY WOULD HAVE LYNCHED YOU AT THE FIRST OPPOR-TUNITY...
EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE TRYING TO HELP THEM?!
AND DO THE DIRTY WORK FOR THEM?
OUR POWERS... WE'RE MADE FOR IT!
THE NEMESIS... WE MUST FIGHT THE NEMESIS ...

THESE "HOLY" PEOPLE THAT MAKE US SORCERERS RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERY PROBLEM ON EARTH?
THAT TOLERATE US WHEN THEY NEED TO GET RID OF A NEMESIS...
AND THAT, ONCE THEY'RE RID OF THE DANGER, HUNT US BY LAUNCHING THE INQUISITION AT US?!
YOU REALLY THINK ...
VUL-TURES !
THAT WE BELONG TO THEIR WORLD?
REALLY, KIDDO...
YOU THINK YOU ACTED WELL.
YOU SACRI-FICED YOUR-SELF.
BUT SEE HOW THEY STILL DESPISE YOU!
ALTHOUGH THEY MIGHT BE ON EDGE AFTER BEING STOLEN.
BUT STILL!

YOU CAN TRY TO FIGHT IT BUT IN THE END YOU WILL ALWAYS BE THE ONE RESPONSIBLE TO THEM.
DEEP DOWN, I KNOW YOU UNDERSTAND ME. THIS PERMANENT REJECTION, THIS OBLIGATION OF JUSTIFYING OURSELVES WHEREVER WE GO...
DON'T JUDGE US, BOY. I KNOW YOU UNDERSTAND.
AFTER ALL ...
WE'RE THE SAME.
DON'T TOUCH ME.
I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU!
TCH
MY BAD, YOU'RE RIGHT. WE'RE NOT THE SAME.
WE ARE OPPORTUNISTS!
WE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CONFUSION BY STEALING A FEW THINGS.
YOU MIGHT NOTICE THAT THEY ARE HERE, AWAY FROM THE NEMESIS, SAFE AND SOUND!
MY LEEEEGS!
WHEN THEY COOPERATE, OF COURSE.

AND EVEN MORE, YOU BROUGHT BACK TWO TIED UP CHILDREN!
EVEN WE DON'T TOUCH CHILDREN!
YOU HELPED HIM DESTROY HALF THE ISLAND, ALLOWING US TO STEAL FROM THEM EASILY...
YOU MADE A NEMESIS HATCH, PUTTING EVERYONE IN DANGER ...
LET ME TELL YOU...
AND YOU, WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?
WE'RE NOT THE SAME... YOU'RE MUCH BETTER THAN US!
YOU'RE MORE DANGEROUS THAN THE NEMESIS ITSELF!
...IN THE END YOU'RE NO DIFFERENT FROM THEM!

BRRM
BRRM
BRRM
BRRM
BRRM
YOU, YOU DID WELL DEFENDING YOUR MONEY!
I'LL LET YOU KEEP YOUR SAFE IN HONOR OF YOUR BRAVISM!
BRAVERY, BOSS!
THE BRAVERY QUARTET THANKS YOU FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY!
IT'S TIME FOR US TO GO!
OH! LOOKS LIKE OUR FRIEND IS FINISHED WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD!
DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME ON A LOST CAUSE.
YOU'LL THANK ME FOR OPENING YOUR EYES!
BUT LISTEN TO ME: THE JAIL OF THE INQUISITION IS FULL OF NAIVE PEOPLE LIKE YOU.
AS FOR US, IT'S TIME TO SAY GOODBYE!
I WAS SINCERELY MOVED BY YOUR TENACITY!
CLING
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT THE BRAVERY QUARTET IS LED BY AN UNGRATEFUL BOSS!
AFTER ALL, YOU DID HELP US!
HERE'S FOR YOUR TROUBLE.
NO HARD FEELINGS!
COME ON, KIDDO...

SHIT
BAM
SPO

TCHAP
JJJ...
!!
?!
KPOW

BOM
NICE PROJECTION SPELL!
HMM ...

YOU'D HAVE BEEN THE BOSS, JIJI, I'VE ALWAYS SAID SO.
IF ONLY YOU HAD ANY CHARISMA AT ALL ...
BRMM
!!
BRMM
HIS FEATHER GLOVE...
I CAN SELL IT TO REPAY THE TOOTH HE BROKE.
NICE, BOSS!
BOSS, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
LOOTING CORPSES IS A NICE WAY TO MAKE MONEY, BOYS!
...

GWOH!
KRRUS
UNTIE US!
THE NEMESIS !
HAAAA !!!
I COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT HIM...
?!
WUSH!!
THEY'RE STILL HOPING? THEY'RE KIND OF FUNNY...
DON'T LEAVE ULULU!
TO YOUR BROOMS!
IT'S TIME TO GO, BOYS!

WHA ...?
DOM!
BOYS! TO ME! THE... THE NEMESIS !!
BROO
BROO
!!
OKAY, YOU WIN, YOU'RE THE BEST!
YOU BEAT ME UP PRETTY WELL AND NOW YOU HAVE ME AT YOUR MERCY, BUT THINK ...
SHOOT ?!
IT'S GOING TO SHOOT ...
!!
BOSS !!

I DONIB WANT DO DIE!
IT'S NOT WHAT YOU WANT, IS IT ?!
PLEASE!
YOU'RE ALSO EXPOSED ...
AS WELL AS THE PEOPLE TIED UP BEHIND YOU!
...
BOSS !!
NOO!
FOR FUCK'S SAKE, DO YOU REALLY WANT ALL OF US TO DIE?!
HAAAA!

VHHROOM
B... BOSS ...
SNIFF ...
!!
FFSHH

Wiiizzz
FCHH
FCHH

WITHOUT ANY WEAPON ?
THE KID... BLOCKED THE BLAST OF FANTASIA?!
THIS QUICK AND WITHOUT ANY INCANTA-TION?
HE MUST HAVE PUT UP A BARRIER AT THE LAST SECOND!
I THOUGHT HE SUCKED AT WITCHCRAFT!
HE'S NOT WEARING ANY GLOVES!
HIS HANDS ...
DON'T YOU SEE?

WHAT?! I'VE NEVER HEARD OF SOMEONE CAPABLE OF USING WITCHCRAFT BAREHANDED!
HE EVEN KEPT A PART OF THE FANTASIA!
IMPOSSIBLE! ITS EFFECT ON THE BODY IS WORSE THAN FIRE!
BUT...
IT'S INCREDI-BLE!
HE'S GOING TO SHOOT ...
... AT US!
BOOM

THE NEMESIS SHOT, AND THEN NOTHING.
WHAT HAPPENED ?!
WE... WE'RE STILL ALIVE?!
GWOH!
OURS?
BUT THEN WHOSE SIDE IS HE ON?
IT LOOKS LIKE THE KID BLOCKED THE ATTACK.
!!!
BAFF!
THAT'S A VERY PECULIAR SKILL, BOY...
WHAT DO YOU SAY WE...
OOOH ...

YOU
...
YOU GOT ME PRETTY MAD!

HE'S GOING TO ATTACK AGAIN!
THE NEMESIS IS MOVING...

YOU CAN HUNT ME, THROW ME STONES OR INSULT ME BECAUSE OF MY HORNS ...
OR BECAUSE I'M A SORCERER!
OR EVEN FOR BEATING UP YOUR COWS!

BUT SINCE THE BEGINNING ...
I NEVER WANTED TO HURT ANYONE!
NEVER!
I MAY BE AN IDIOT...
BUT I'M NOTHING LIKE THOSE ASSHOLES!

THAT ...
AND I'M NOTHING LIKE ...
NEMESIS !
VZZZ
CRISH
YBAM
VZZZZZ

DON'T LUMP ME IN ...
WITH THESE MONSTERS!
NOOO !!
HAAAH !!
IT'S GOING TO SHOOT!

KK
BRAAOOM
I AM ...
... NOT A ...
... MONSTEEEER !!

BOOOM
FFHHH
HUFF...
HUFF...
HUFF...
M... MY LEGS...
...

WE'RE GOING TO START BY BEATING HIM UP A LITTLE...
!!

YOU SAW JUST LIKE ME WHAT HE CAN DO... IF WE DELIVER SOMEONE LIKE HIM TO THE INQUISITION, WE CAN MAKE A LOT OF MONEY!
AND WITH ALL THE TESTS THEY'LL DO ON HIM, HE'LL REGRET EVER CROSSING OUR PATHS!

FIND ME SOMETHING TO TIE HIM UP!
?!
BUT, BOSS, IT WOULD BE MORE CAREFUL TO GET AWAY FROM...
HE'S DOWN, IT'S NOW OR NEVER!

HMPF... I CAN'T MOVE!
OUCH... I'M NOT GOING TO AVOID IT!
I'M GOING TO PLAY DEAD ...
YOU'RE GOING CRAZY, KID!
I SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO HER...
NOW THAT WE HAVE YOU, WE'RE GOING TO BREAK YOUR BONES BEFORE GOUGING YOUR EYES OUT!
?
YOU'RE STILL HERE?
THAT'S GOOD, DON'T MOVE. MAYBE SHE WON'T SEE ME...
KRAM
SHE?
...

!!!
BLOCK
Fwiii
Whiiizzz...
Kip

EH...
ALMA, I...
LIKE SOME ELBOWS, KNEES AND A FEW PHALANGES.
SETH.
REMIND TO HAMMER SOME STUFF INTO YOUR HEAD, WHEN WE'LL HAVE TIME...
YOU CAN REST NOW ...
SHUT UP. I SAID WHEN WE'LL HAVE TIME.
WE'RE NOT IN A HURRY.
...
YOU DID WELL.

BROUGHT TO
YOU BY:
ROL